Protest by LPG Distributors Against TV Serial Rajni

1127. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG Distributors Federation has protested against sponsored programme 'Rajni' relayed on Doordarshan national hook-up on 30th June. 1985;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All India LPG Distributors, Bombay have represented to Doordarshan against the wrong portrayal of the services rendered by them and demanded remedial action by banning such programmes.

(c) The programme 'Rajni' tries to focus attention on various mal-practices seen in our society without castigating any individual or establishment. The serial 'Rajni' has helped in building consumer resistance which is one of the social functions of public media. No action is therefore, proposed to be taken on the aforementioned protest.

Enhancing of rice quota for Andhra Pradesh

1128. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for enhancing the rice quota for the State from the Central pool from the existing 10 lakh tonnes to 22.50 lakh tonnes;

(b) whether the request has been accepted;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government was giving rice to certain categories of people at a very high subsidised rates; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide rice or wheat to other States for similar purposes?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has asked for increase in the rice allocation by 2 lakh tonnes over the present level of 10 lakh tonnes for the year 1984-85.

(b) A special additional allocation of 75,000 tonnes of rice has been made to the State Government.

(c) Andhra Pradesh Government provides rice to certain categories of consumers at Rs. 2 per kg.

(d) Both wheat and rice are being allocated to various States from the Central Pool for public distribution. The distribution thereof within the State including its coverage and issues to the consumers is done by the concerned State Governments.

Unauthorised shops in Janakpuri, New Delhi

1129. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of unauthorised shops in various pocket markets in Block C of Janakpuri. New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to clear these markets of the unauthorised shops?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) Show cause notices have been issued by the DDA to the allottees for removal of unauthorised encroachments in accordance with the terms and conditions of the allotment.

Statement

(1) Market C4|E

There are two shops constructed unauthorisedly.

(2) Market C-2D Phase I.

There are 8 shops constructed outside the shops in DDA land by the shop owner.

(3) Market G-5A

In shop No. 10, Owner has constructed four shops on DDA's land unauthorisedly.

Unemployed Medical and Engineering Graduates in the Country

1130. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed engineering and medical graduates in the country at present; and

(b) whether this number had increased during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; if so, the percentage of increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Available information relating to the number of Engineering and Medical graduates who were on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-84 (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed), is furnished below:—

Description	No. on Live Register as on 31-12-84 (in thousands)
1. Engineering Graduates (including post-Graduates).	27.0
2. Medical Graduates (including post-Graduates).	21.5

(b) The number of Engineering and Medical Graduates on the live Register of Employment Exchanges increased by 24.2 and 55.1 per cent, respectively, during the period January, 1980—December, 1984.

Sale of Books by the Publications Division

1131. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Books worth several crores of rupees published by Government are lying unsold with the Publications Division; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for their sales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir. Only books worth Rs. 1.70 crores were held in stocks with the publications Division as on 31-3-1984.

(b) The position about disposal/sale of books is being regularly reviewed and necessary steps taken to